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SUBJECT: AYACUCHO SIGNATORIES TO EXPLORE ARMS LIMITATION
AGREEMENT

1. FONMINS OF SIGNATORIES OF 1974 AYACUCHO DECLARATION
MET IN NEW YORK IN MAY AND AGAIN IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK
AT INVITATION OF VENEZUELA PRESIDENT PEREZ TO NEGOTIATE
A STATEMENT REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE ARMS
RESTRAINT PORTION OF THE DECLARATION. STATEMENT FORMALLY
SIGNED AND RELEASED JUNE 22.

2. PRINCIPAL ADVANCES OVER 1974 WERE THE FONMINS'
COMMITMENT TO MEET AGAIN (AT UNSPECIFIED TIME AND PLACE)
TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING A FORMAL ARMS LIMITA-
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TION AGREEMENT, AND TO DO SO JOINTLY WITH OTHER LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES. (NEITHER FORMAL AGREEMENT NOR PARTICI-
PATION OF OTHERS WERE MENTIONED AT AYACUCHO.) REGRETTABLY
STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION NEED FOR COOPERATION OF ARMS
SUPPLIERS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO US IN DISCUS-
SION WITH SOVIETS AND WEST EUROPEANS REFERRED TO BY
PRESIDENT CARTER JUNE 21 (SEE BELOW). (FYI: VENEZUELA

REPORTEDLY SOUGHT INCLUSION OF SUCH A REFERENCE BUT HAD TO YIELD TO OPPOSITION FROM SOME OTHER FONMINS) END CONFIDENTIAL

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED INFORMAL TRANSLATION STATEMENT FOLLOWS: "FONMINS OF ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, PANAMA, PERU AND VENEZUELA, COUNTRIES SIGNATORY TO DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO, MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 22, 1978, IN A PERIOD IN WHICH SSOD UNGA IS TAKING PLACE, EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND ITS NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES. THEY DECLARED THAT DISARMAMENT AND THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS ARE INDISPENSABLE TO PRESERVE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND IN THAT SENSE AFFIRMED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SSOD. THEY REAFFIRMED IMPORTANCE THEY ATTRIBUTE TO PROVISIONS OF DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO RELATING TO LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND REAFFIRMED THE NEED TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN EFFECTIVE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS IN THE REGION, SO THAT ALL POSSIBLE RESOURCES CAN BE DEDICATED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF EACH OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA. THEY WERE IN ACCORD THAT THE PERSISTENCE OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF REARMAMENT (ARMAMENTISMO) AND THEREFORE REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT THE SOLUTION OF

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ALL CONTROVERSIES BY PEACEFUL MEANS, CONTRIBUTING THEREBY TO THE ELIMINATION OF TENSIONS AND THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE. THEY EXPRESSED ALSO THEIR DESIRE TO EXPLORE, JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THE POSSIBILITIES OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA. THEY AGREED TO HOLD A SUBSEQUENT MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL WITH THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING CONCRETE MEASURES IN THIS DIRECTION."

4. PRESIDENT CARTER INCLUDED FOLLOWING REMARKS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL IN HIS OASGA SPEECH JUNE 21. THESE MAY BE DRAWN UPON IN RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR U.S. REACTION TO AYACUCHO SIGNATORIES' ACTION.

5. "I BELIEVE THAT RESTRAINT IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES IS ALSO CENTRAL TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. THE UNITED STATES HAS ADOPTED A POLICY UNILATERALLY WHICH SEEKS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL SALES OF WEAPONS EACH YEAR, ESPECIALLY THE MOST SOPHISTICATED, LETHAL AND EXPENSIVE WEAPONS.

6. "WE WILL NOT INTRODUCE AN ADVANCED WEAPONS SYSTEM

INTO A REGION AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE SOVIET UNION, THE FRENCH AND OTHERS TO JOIN WITH US IN A MULTINATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SALE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AS A MAJOR ARMS SALESMAN, THE UNITED STATES BEARS -- AND ACCEPTS -- A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIMITING THIS TRADE, BUT WE CANNOT SUCCEED ALONE. OUR EFFORTS WILL DEPEND UPON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ARMS SELLERS AND OBVIOUSLY ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO BUY WEAPONS. I MIGHT POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE A BETTER RECORD IN THIS HEMISPHERE THAN IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED. FOUR OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD SELL MORE WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA THAN DOES THE UNITED STATES. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP AND THE HELP OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRESS TOWARD ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HEMISPHERIC PEACE AND
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THE CONTROL OF WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION THAT MIGHT BE OBSERVED AND EMULATED BY OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD. DISCUSSIONS AMONG SUPPLIER NATIONS AND PROVIDING NATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

7. "AS WE MAKE OUR EFFORTS, WE DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE TRULY HISTORIC INITIATIVE THAT VENEZUELA AND OTHER SIGNATORS OF AYACUCHO ARE MAKING TO REMOVE THE CAUSES OF INSECURITY FROM THEIR REGION, BECAUSE THEY FEAR THEIR NEIGHBORS, AND THEREBY TO REDUCE THE PRESSURES THAT MAKE NATIONS BUY WEAPONS. AS THE AYACUCHO NATIONS PREPARE FOR ANOTHER MEETING THIS WEEK, I REAFFIRM MY OWN COUNTRY'S CONVICTION THAT THEIR WORK IS BRINGING US CLOSER TO LASTING PEACE, AND I EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT THEIR EFFORTS CAN BE EXPANDED TO OTHER COUNTRIES, BOTH PURCHASERS AND SUPPLIERS.

8. "WE CAN ALSO REDUCE THE PRESSURE FOR ARMAMENTS -- AND FOR REGIONAL VIOLENCE -- BY ENSURING THAT ALL NATIONS RESPECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OTHERS. THE INTRUSION OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES INTO LOCAL DISPUTES CAN ONLY UNDERMINE THIS CAUSE. WE SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PEACE-KEEPING AND DISPUTE-SETTLING MACHINERY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE NATIONS.
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